

2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2012, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 21 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,078,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

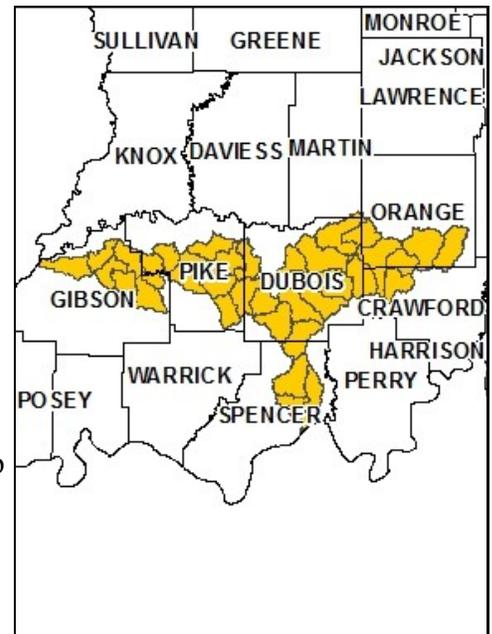
LEAD DISTRICT: DUBSOIS
 COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: CRAWFORD, GIBSON, ORANGE, PIKE, SPENCER
 TARGET WATERSHEDS: ALTAR CREEK-PATOKA RIVER, CROOKED CREEK, EAST FORK WHITE, FLAT CREEK, HUNLEY CREEK, PATOKA LAKE-PATOKA RIVER, STONE COE CREEK-PATOKA RIVER, STRAIGHT RIVER
 PROJECT NAME: COVER CROP INCENTIVES
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2012-12/31/2014
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$60,000



Purpose: To encourage the use of cover crops to prevent soil erosion, capture nutrients to keep them from entering the ground or surface waters, and improve general soil health

Six SWCDs are promoting the use of cover crops by offering cost share incentives to landowners in the nine watersheds listed above. Utilizing cover crops in all of the watersheds will reduce soil erosion and reduce water quality impairments for these municipal water utilities as well as improve the water quality in the entire watershed.

Demonstration areas will be set up at the Jasper Campus of Vincennes University. The use of rain barrels and rain gardens will encourage the wise use of water resources by capturing rain water to use for watering plants and gardens. The use of rain gardens will reduce water quality impairments by capturing excess storm water and filtering it before it can reach water courses. Encouraging people to use rain gardens reduces the need to mow large areas, also protecting water quality.



YEAR 1 GRANT STATUS

COVER CROP ACRES-3761
 RAIN BARREL INSTALLATION AT VUJC-1
 RAIN GARDEN INSTALLATION-1

Utilizing cover crops on the cropped hilly ground will keep soil protected and reduce the erosional effects of heavy winter rains/snow melt and freeze/thaw activity.

